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WESTERN UNIVERSITY

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This report covers the period from July 1, 1955 until July 1, 1961. The major buildings constructed during this period, as well as the more important renovations, repairs, and remodeling of buildings already in existence are described.

Numerous other projects which added to the utility and beauty of the campus and the buildings are also described.

A great many minor repairs, slight renovations, and small changes have been omitted in order to keep the report from becoming unwieldy and difficult to follow.

Generally this report is designed to give an overall picture of the massive physical changes which have occurred across the campus during the past six years.

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CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS

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RENOVATION AND REPAIR

1. Administration Building:
 - a. Van Meter Auditorium completely renovated at a cost of \$25,000. Walls of the Auditorium decorated, new upholstered opera chairs installed, a new tile floor put in the Auditorium, new red curtain hung, and stage completely remodeled with new lighting system and new floor.
 - b. President's office equipped with new carpeting, venetian shades, and furniture refinished in the Industrial Arts Department.
2. Potter Hall:

First step in renovation program to completely remodel building completed at an approximate cost of \$100,000. Ground floor of building converted from a kitchen and dining room to rooms for 70 men.
3. Diddle Dormitory:

Project completed in order to improve living conditions of occupants and to extend service of the building for many years. Structural defects corrected and drainage problems removed. New floor joists installed under living quarters. Basement concreted and walls waterproofed.
4. West Hall:

Plaster repaired, interior re-painted, and floors re-worked. New boiler installed at a cost of \$1,500.
5. Home Economics Practice House:

Living room area re-floored and new floor joists installed. Interior redecorated.
6. Kentucky Building:

Copper flashings repaired at a cost of approximately \$1,700.
7. Swimming Pool:

Mechanical and electrical equipment repaired: filter system re-worked; and structural defects corrected. Project cost \$6,975.
8. Mortarjoints and copings on all major campus buildings recalked and tuck-pointed. Project cost approximately \$5,000.

1955NEW INSTALLATIONS

1. Cherry Hall
 - a. Floodlights installed in tower.
 - b. New florescent lights installed in Registrar's Office.
 - c. Suite of offices constructed for Dean of the College in Cherry Hall. This improvement provided for a conference room, a secretary's office, and a waiting room. The former office space was converted to a classroom.
2. Floodlights restored on front of Library and atop the Stadium Colonnade.
3. New campus lights installed at Kentucky Building; at West and McLean Halls parking areas; and at the Music Building.
4. New inter-communications system installed at Training School. New florescent lights installed in Training School library.

1955IMPROVEMENT OF CAMPUS GROUNDS AND DRIVEWAYS

1. Landscaping program instituted to include the following:
 - a. Removal of dead trees
 - b. Pruning of campus trees and shrubs
 - c. Planned program for chemical feeding of shrubs, trees and grass.
 - d. Planned program of tree replacement. 150 dead trees removed in 1955. This is a continuing program.
2. Italian Gardens renovated.
3. Repairs and construction begun on the campus farm. New identification sign erected. Considerable repair made on fences and around the barn area. Area around Pavilion cleaned up and painted.
4. White plank fence constructed on campus farm from 17th Street along Normal Drive to Sumpter Avenue. Fence rows cleaned out.
5. College nursery garden planted. The purpose of this project was to provide replacement shrubs and trees for campus landscaping in a more economical manner.
6. New trash-cans installed at strategic locations on campus.
7. "Welcome to Western Kentucky State College" signs placed on major highways leading to Bowling Green and on all major streets leading to the college.

1956RENOVATION AND REPAIR

1. Heating Plant:

This project accomplished at a cost of approximately \$120,000. It was necessary to take care of the new dormitories for men and five other major buildings planned to be added to the campus in the future. New boiler and stoker installed to provide campus with a first-class heating facility. Old boiler reconditioned and placed on stand-by basis. New boiler eliminated fly ash and soot which plagued the entire campus and surrounding neighborhood.

2. President's Home:

Building completely renovated and redecorated. Modern kitchen installed. Family room extended. New bathroom tile installed and new bath fixtures installed.

3. Library:

This project necessary because capacity of the Library was being taxed to the limit. Building revamped to utilized existing space to better advantage. Additional shelving built, reading rooms and halls redecorated, and tables in the main reading rooms refinished by the maintenance department.

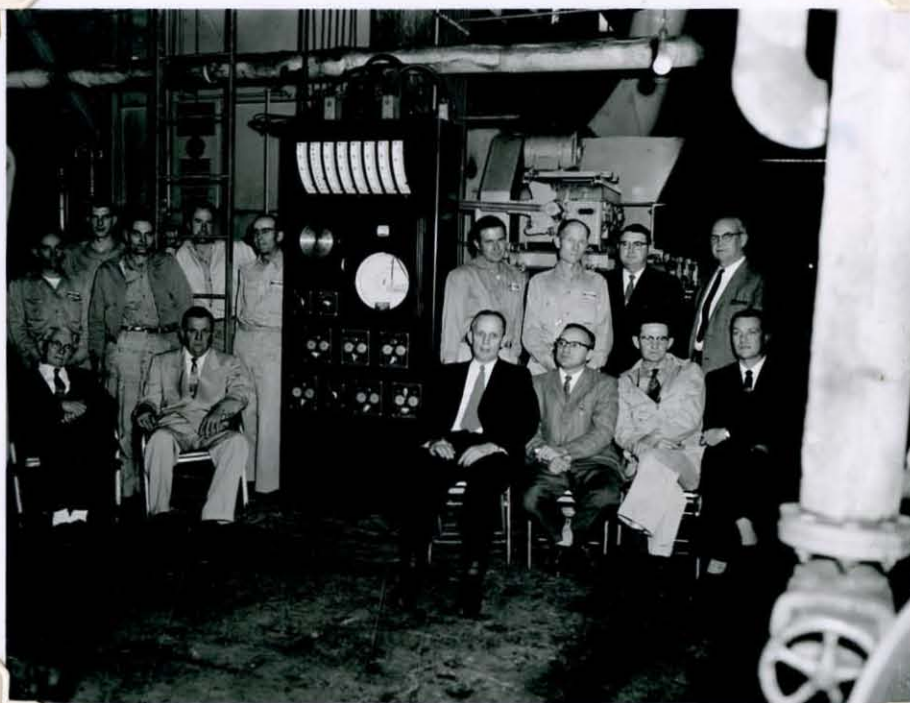
4. Physical Education Department:

Offices and classroom areas redecorated. Lockers repaired and remodeled. Shower stalls in girls area rebuilt.

5. Training School:

- a. Several rooms repaired.
- b. Completely new hot water system installed.
- c. Science tables reconditioned by Industrial Arts Department.
- d. New lighting facilities installed in two rooms used for testing and remedial work, and the elementary library.
- e. Several valuable and useful instructional aids added for use in audio-visual education.
- f. Entire playground area black-topped.

RENOVATION PROJECT AT HEATING PLANT



1956 Renovation and Repair (Continued)

- g. Classroom floors refinished.
- h. New roof installed.
- i. Shower and locker rooms for boys remodeled and redecorated.
- j. Basement dressing rooms remodeled.
- k. Gymnasium repaired and improved.

6. Student Center:

Parapet atop the Student Center completely repaired.

7. Snell Hall:

Roof repaired. Offices and halls in the building redecorated.

1956IMPROVEMENT OF CAMPUS GROUNDS AND DRIVEWAYS

1. Railings built at various places on the campus to help keep pedestrians from taking short cuts across the grass. New sidewalks built where natural flow of traffic indicated a need for a sidewalk.
2. Parking lot located in rear of Van Meter Auditorium near the water tower enlarged to help alleviate critical parking problem.
3. Driveway entering campus from Russellville Road widened to make for easier turn-ins for vehicles approaching from the west.
4. Street in front of Training School widened in order to provide safety in the loading and unloading of students.
5. Sidewalk and side entrance to gymnasium widened.
6. Kentucky Building grounds improved.

1957MAJOR CONSTRUCTION - BUILDINGS

1. Residence Halls for Men:

Two new residence halls for men completed and occupied at opening of second semester in February, 1957. These two buildings provide housing for 428 men and were built at a cost of \$1,080,000. Funds provided through a loan from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES FOR EAST AND NORTH HALLS

NOVEMBER, 1955



PICTURES OF EAST AND NORTH HALLS



1957NEW CONSTRUCTION - OTHER

1. Memorial Entranceway:

Twenty-foot pylon constructed at main entranceway to campus on Fifteenth Street opposite Library. This stately structure commemorating Western's fiftieth anniversary built at a cost of \$8,800. It was largely financed by the College Heights Foundation and dedicated during 1957 spring commencement period.

2. Business Office Annex on west side of Administration Building:

An annex 20 feet wide, 72 feet long and one story in height built on the Business Office side of the Administration Building next to Potter Hall. This annex provided room for expanded Business Office operations. The approximate cost was \$12,000.

3. Campus Water Lines:

These new lines provide for the new buildings being constructed on the campus and give complete fire protection for the campus. The project which cost approximately \$30,000 involved the laying of 2,000 feet of additional eight-inch lines, 1,000 feet of additional six-inch line, and the installation of seven new fire hydrants.

4. Parking Lots:

- a. A new fifty-car parking lot constructed on Ogden campus near Chestnut street exit from the campus.
- b. A parking lot for 250 cars constructed at the rear of the two residence halls for men located on Normal and 16th streets.



ENTRANCE PYLON UNDER CONSTRUCTION

DEDICATION CEREMONIES FOR NEW ENTRANCEWAY TO CAMPUS



PICTURE OF ENTRANCEWAY COMPLETED



BUSINESS OFFICE ANNEX
REAR OF VAN METER HALL



1957RENOVATION AND REPAIR

1. West Hall:

Furniture and floors repaired. New asphalt tile floors laid throughout the building.

2. Veteran's Village:

General repairs and complete overhaul of Veteran's Village Pre-Fabs.

3. Potter Hall:

Second step in making this building a modern, first class residence hall for women at a cost of \$88,966. New furniture for building purchased and installed at an additional cost of \$25,000. New plumbing installed; wiring modernized; new plumbing fixtures installed, baths tiled; all rooms redecorated; lobby completely rebuilt; and new aluminum entrance installed.

4. Home Economics Building:

Building remodeled at a cost of approximately \$10,000. All outside walls waterproofed on the outside and completely remodeled inside. Attic converted to dressing rooms. Individual lockers installed.

5. Campus Washrooms:

Washrooms renovated and hand-dryers installed along with new mirrors.

6. Military Science Department:

Remodeled and overhauled to provide for expansion and improvement of offices and classroom facilities. Storage space remodeled.

7. College Farm:

All farm buildings and other agricultural installations put in first class condition.

8. Stadium:

Damaged seats repaired and entire seating area painted.

1957NEW INSTALLATIONS

1. West Hall:

New boiler installed. Boiler installed in 1955 was inadequate to fill needs of the building; therefore, it was removed and installed in the Dairy Barn on the College Farm and a new boiler, adequate for the building, installed.

2. Training School:

New score board installed in gymnasium.

3. Student Center:

Service elevator installed.

4. Cherry Hall:

Ventilator fans installed.

5. New telephone cable from switchboard in Van Meter to South Hall installed. Work done by Southern Bell Telephone Company.

6. IBM bell and clock system for all campus buildings installed. This installation included the electronic control of steam valves and campus lights.

7. Additional fans placed in cafeteria and in campus offices.

1957IMPROVEMENT OF CAMPUS GROUNDS AND DRIVEWAYS.

1. Sidewalk around stadium reconstructed.
2. Underbrush removed and landscaping done at area between Music Building and Swimming Pool.
3. Widening and regrading of 16th Street from Russellville Road to Normal Boulevard completed. 16th Street rebuilt to a 35-foot width and parallel parking spaces marked off on both sides of the street. Cherryton Drive resurfaced.
4. Landscaping of area around new residence halls for men completed.
5. New metal streetlight poles installed along Normal Drive and 16th Street in front of residence halls.
6. Clearing of brush and debris on Russellville Road and Kentucky Building grounds completed.
7. All sidewalks, steps, and retaining walls over entire campus checked for breaks and necessary repairs accomplished.

1958MAJOR CONSTRUCTION - BUILDINGS

1. Maintenance Service Building:

This building constructed at a cost of approximately \$132,000. Funds provided by State appropriation. It provided a central point for receiving and distributing all supplies purchased by the College. It also houses all maintenance facilities for the College.

MAIN ENTRANCE OF MAINTENANCE SERVICE BUILDING
(LOCATED ON RUSSELLVILLE ROAD)



MAINTENANCE SERVICE BUILDING AND
PARKING LOT



1958NEW CONSTRUCTION - OTHER

1. Baseball diamond:

New backstop built to replace on which had deteriorated.

2. Concrete walks:

Walks built from South and East Halls parking lot to the Music Building and to West Hall.

3. Rock Wall:

Built in connection with the landscaping of the area between McLean Hall and South Hall parking lot.

4. Iron railing:

Built at end of south wing of Cherry Hall between Faculty House to eliminate traffic hazard to pedestrians crossing drive leading to faculty parking lot.

5. Flood lights:

New flood lights installed at the Stadium. The installation was complete with new conductors, conduits, and a new safety-all switch.

6. Heating Plant:

A new incinerator built at rear of heating plant to improve appearance of area and increase sanitary conditions.

1958

RENOVATION AND REPAIR

1. Music Building:

This project completed at an approximate cost of \$30,000. Building acoustically treated throughout. New floor covering installed, and extensive redecorating effected. New furniture installed. A new entranceway and lobby constructed at the area formerly used as a garage. Usable space in the building increased approximately 25 per cent by utilization of previously unused ground floor.

2. Heating Plant:

Smoke stack repaired and repointed to make for efficient use and to eliminate deterioration.

3. Physical Education Building:

Men's locker rooms painted. Two coats of paint given these areas - one in February and the second in August.

NEW ENTRANCE TO MUSIC BUILDING



1958

NEW INSTALLATIONS

1. Van Meter Auditorium:

Electronic organ installed.

2. Cherry Hall:

Additional exhaust fans installed.

3. Physical Education Building:

Two 36-inch exhaust fans installed in the men's shower rooms to eliminate excess moisture in the basement of the building.

1958IMPROVEMENT OF CAMPUS GROUNDS AND DRIVEWAYS

1. Modern street lights and standards installed on upper drive.
2. New steam lines put in across the campus to replace lines that had rusted out.
3. Fifteen barracks-type apartment units in Veteran's Village removed. Site graded, seeded, and landscaped.
4. Five small residences in Cherryton moved to area west of Agriculture Pavilion. These residences completely remodeled and prepared for occupancy by faculty and staff members. A sixth small residence moved to College farm.
5. Swimming pool repaired and repainted.
6. Area between the rear of McLean Hall and South Hall parking lot landscaped.
7. All campus streets and parking lots re-surfaced and re-marked. Careful planning assured maximum utilization of all parking space available.
8. Six thousand square yards of sod added to the campus on various banks and bare spots.
9. Program of continually checking all sidewalks, steps, and stone retaining walls for any necessary repair maintained.
10. Program of making general improvements across the campus in all departments continued. Name plates placed on office doors; shelves and cabinets built in offices and classrooms; plaster replaced; rooms redecorated and furniture repaired.

1959MAJOR CONSTRUCTION - BUILDINGS

1. New Residence Hall for Women:

This building constructed at a cost of \$700,000 and provides living accommodations for 190 women. Four efficiency apartments for faculty and staff members located on the ground floor. The residence hall occupied for the first time at the opening of the 1959-60 fall semester in September, 1960. Funds provided through loan from Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency.

MAIN ENTRANCE OF NEW RESIDENCE HALL FOR WOMEN

RUSSELLVILLE ROAD AND 16th STREET



NEW RESIDENCE HALL FOR WOMEN

(SOUTHEAST VIEW)



1959RENOVATION AND REPAIR

1. Potter Hall:

Third step in the completion of renovation and conversion of this building to use for women. Ground floor shower rooms and toilets remodeled. Rooms painted and modified for use by women.

2. Snell Hall:

Entire building remodeled with laboratory facilities and classrooms re-designed. Asphalt tile floor installed throughout and the interior painted. Auditorium reworked into first class theatre with seating capacity of 418. Project cost \$37,897 with College providing half of the funds and the Ogden Foundation providing remainder. Work done under supervision of the College Maintenance Department.

3. Library:

Half of Little Theatre converted to library use. Provided more space for periodical room and expanded library services.

4. Faculty House:

Building formerly known as the Cedar House completely remodeled and converted to meeting place and lounge for faculty and staff members. Offices for the College Heights Foundation constructed in the building. Cost of the entire project approximately \$30,000 and largely provided by College Heights Foundation.

5. Ogden Campus Cottage:

Remodeled and repaired throughout.

6. College Farm:

House moved from campus to college farm and rebuilt for employee.

7. College Offices:

Following offices painted and new tile floors laid:

- a. Public Relations Office
- b. Registrar's Office
- c. Dean of Student's Office
- d. Business Office
- e. Extension Office

POTTER HALL FOR WOMEN



NEW ENTRANCE TO SNELL HALL ON OGDEN CAMPUS



FACULTY HOUSE



1959

NEW INSTALLATIONS

1. Cherry Hall:

New chimes installed in the tower at an approximate cost of \$4,500 which was provided by the College Heights Foundation. The old chimes were in such condition as to not work satisfactorily.

2. Training School:

New sprinkler system to provide fire protection installed.

3. West and McLean Halls:

Fire alarm system installed in both buildings.

1959

IMPROVEMENT OF CAMPUS GROUNDS AND DRIVEWAYS

1. Iron Handrails constructed on lower drive sidewalks.
2. Campus trees identified with metal markers for benefit of visitors and class instruction.

1960MAJOR CONSTRUCTION - BUILDINGS

1. South Hall - Dormitory for Men

This building constructed at a cost of approximately \$675,000 and provides living accommodations for 204 male students. It also contains two efficiency apartments for faculty and staff members. The residence hall was occupied for the first time at the opening of the 1960-61 school year in September, 1960. Funds provided through a loan of \$625,000 from the Housing and Home Finance Agency and \$50,000 from the State.

ARTISTS DRAWING OF SOUTH HALL MEN'S DORMITORY
LOCATED ON NORMAL DRIVE



SOUTH HALL
(GENERAL VIEW)



1960

NEW CONSTRUCTION - OTHER

1. Cherry Hall:

- a. Exit constructed at rear of east wing on second floor. Ramp leading to sidewalk constructed. Stairway from second floor to third floor built. This new outlet from the building gives a better flow of traffic at class breaks.
- b. Fire escape from roof to the ground constructed at the rear of the east wing. This new installation also used for exit from building on second floor to east crowded conditions in halls during class breaks.

NEW ENTRANCE RAMP TO THIRD FLOOR OF
SOUTHWEST WING OF CHERRY HALL



NEW FIRE ESCAPE

REAR OF SOUTHEAST WING OF CHERRY HALL



1960RENOVATION AND REPAIR

1. Campus wide - all buildings:

New telephone exchange in Administration Building. New telephone system extended to all major building to give more efficient communication between offices.

2. Cherry Hall:

- a. Equipment for Graphic Arts room installed on ground floor, room redecorated. New instruction area created and Art department facilities expanded.
- b. Registrar's Office redecorated and fitted for I.B.M. equipment. This project makes possible more efficient maintenance of student records.
- c. Ground floor halls redecorated.

3. Ogden Hall:

Porch redesigned with ornamental iron frieze, pilasters and rails installed. The new porch locked the two wings of the building together. North wing of the building which houses the Extension offices repainted and asphalt tile floor installed.

4. Heating Plant:

- a. Boiler rebuilt and retubed. Project financed by maintenance appropriation from State.
- b. Building renovated with new entranceway constructed, tuck pointed and painted.

5. Training School:

- a. Conference room redecorated.
- b. Science room remodeled with new light fixtures installed. Provided better science facilities.

NEW PORTICO CONSTRUCTED ON OGDEN HALL



1960RENOVATION AND REPAIR (Continued)

6. President's Home:

Interior completely redecorated. New entry and fire escape constructed at the rear.

7. Diddle Dormitory:

Redecorated and asphalt tile floors laid.

8. Veteran's Village:

Houses redecorated and remodeled.

9. Industrial Arts Building:

Fluorescent lights installed in second floor workshop.

10. Agriculture Pavilion:

Painted and repaired.

11. Press Box:

Painted and repaired.

12. Swimming Pool:

Painted and repaired.

13. Rock House:

Renovated and converted to use for housing of football team.

REAR OF PRESIDENT'S HOME



1960

IMPROVEMENT OF CAMPUS GROUNDS AND DRIVEWAYS

1. Chain link wire fence installed from top of Stadium to pass gate.
2. New plank fence built around Cherryton housing area near Agriculture Pavilion.
3. Old building adjacent to Maintenance Building torn down and area landscaped.

1961MAJOR CONSTRUCTION - BUILDINGS

1. New Residence Hall for Men:

This building constructed on what was formerly the baseball diamond on 16th Street at a cost of \$700,000. It is four stories high with a snack bar and grill located on the ground floor. The building will provide housing for 204 women. Funds were provided through a loan from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. The building was originally planned for male students but was temporarily changed to use for women when the number of applications for women indicated all other women's dormitories would be filled at an early date for the 1961-62 fall semester. This dormitory will be given over to male students at the opening of the 1962-63 fall semester when a new six-story dormitory for women is ready on the Kentucky Building Grounds.

2. Science Building:

This building constructed on Ogden Campus facing 14th street at a cost of \$1,500,000. Funds provided through bond sale and State appropriation. Almost a city block long and three stories high, the new building has approximately 75,000 square feet of floor space. It will house the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

MAIN ENTRANCE OF NEW RESIDENCE HALL FOR MEN

LOCATED ON 16th STREET



ARTIST'S DRAWING OF NEW RESIDENCE HALL FOR MEN
WITH GRILL AND CAFETERIA



NEW RESIDENCE HALL FOR MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION
LOCATED ON 16th STREET



NEW SCIENCE BUILDING ON 14th STREET

(FRONT VIEW)



NEW SCIENCE BUILDING

(REAR VIEW)



1961NEW CONSTRUCTION - OTHER

1. Potter Hall:

Campus Security Headquarters built at rear of Potter Hall on lower drive where loading platform formerly located.

2. Physical Education Building:

New boiler installed.

3. Cherry Hall:

- a. New Bookstore constructed in east wing on ground floor with approximately 4,000 square feet of usable space. Cost approximately \$30,000. Funds provided by College Heights Foundation.
- b. New Post Office constructed in east wing on ground floor next to new Bookstore.

4. Veteran's Village:

Trailer space expanded.

5. New baseball field and new football practice field constructed.

1961RENOVATION AND REPAIR

1. Tennis Courts:
Playing area re-surfaced.
2. Physical Education Building:
Athletic dressing rooms and storage rooms remodeled and repainted.
Classrooms, offices, and corridors repainted.
3. Science Building:
 - a. Science laboratory equipment in Chemistry and Physics laboratories in Cherry Hall removed, rebuilt, refinished and installed.
 - b. Shelving built and installed.
4. West Hall:
 - a. All floors completely redecorated.
 - b. Roof repaired.
5. Ogden Hall:
Remodeled for use by new Department of Business and Government.
6. Cherry Hall:
 - a. Areas formerly occupied by Departments of Chemistry and Physics remodeled, redecorated and converted to classrooms and offices.
 - b. New Art Gallery constructed on ground floor.
 - c. Building redecorated throughout.
 - d. Roof repaired.

1961

RENOVATION AND REPAIR (Continued)

7. Training School:

Final step completed in re-wiring and modernization of lighting system.

8. Van Meter Auditorium

Roof repaired.